



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

An overview

12. The Seven Trumpets...

The apostle Paul, speaking to philosophers in Athens...

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now **He commands all people everywhere to repent** because He has fixed a day on which **He will judge the world in righteousness by a man** whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all **by raising Him from the dead.**

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked...

(Acts 17:30-32)

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The third section...

8:2 – 11:19

The seven trumpets, seven thunders, the little book, the two witnesses...

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- Does John see the person or thing itself, or a spiritual picture of the person or thing?
 - The vision of Christ in chapter 1
 - The vision of the Lamb in chapter 5

- Does the order of the visions tell us the order of the future events?
 - The sixth seal – the great day of God's wrath
 - The seventh trumpet – the kingdom proclaimed
 - Also chapter 14 and chapter 19...

But before going on...

2. Let's compare Old and New Testament prophecy...

- Did OT prophecy enable people to predict the life of the Lord Jesus?
 - John the Baptist – “*the axe is laid to the root of the trees*” (Matthew 3:10)
 - The cross – the unthinkable climax

- Is New Testament prophecy different?
 - Are we given a detailed timeline?
 - Why are there so many different views?

But before going on...

3. What is the emphasis in NT teaching on the end times?

➤ By the Lord Jesus

- *“Be ready”* (Matthew 24:44)
- *“Watch therefore”* (Matthew 25:13)
- *“I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”* (John 16:4)
- *“Hold fast what you have until I come.”* (Revelation 2:25)

➤ By Paul

- *“Comfort one another”* (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- *“Watch and be sober”* (1 Thessalonians 5:6)

➤ By Peter

- *“Be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish”* (2 Peter 3:14)

➤ By John

- *“Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself”* (1 John 3:3)

The seventh seal...

When He opened **the seventh seal**,
there was **silence** in heaven
for about half an hour.

(Revelation 8:1)

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

(Psalm 46:10)

“The LORD is in His holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence
before Him.”

(Habakkuk 2:20)

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Prelude to the third section...

Revelation 8:2-6

Then I saw **the seven angels who stand before God**, and seven trumpets were given to them.

And **another angel** came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, **with the prayers of the saints**, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

(Revelation 8:2-4)



(See Leviticus 16:12-13)

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Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

(Revelation 8:5)

Revelation 11:19 – The seventh trumpet
Revelation 16:17-18 – The seventh bowl



(See Leviticus 16:12-13)

**So the seven angels
who had the seven trumpets
prepared themselves to sound.**

(Revelation 8:6)

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When he [the watchman] sees the sword coming upon the land, if he **blows the trumpet and warns the people...**

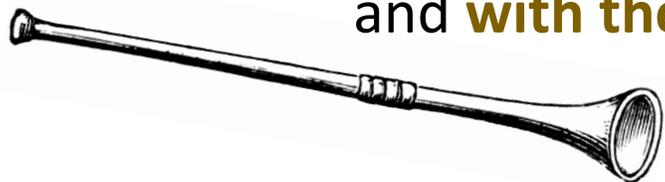
(Ezekiel 33:3-4)

The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:52)

The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the trumpet of God.**

(1 Thessalonians 4:16)



**Blow a trumpet in Zion;
sound an alarm on my holy mountain!**

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming...

(Joel 2:1-2)



The first trumpet

The first angel blew his trumpet,
and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood,
and these were thrown upon the earth.

And a third of the earth was burned up,
and a third of the trees were burned up,
and all green grass was burned up.

(Revelation 8:7)

The second trumpet

The second angel blew his trumpet,
and something like a great mountain,
burning with fire, was thrown into the sea,
and a third of the sea became blood.

A third of the living creatures in the sea died,
and a third of the ships were destroyed.

(Revelation 8:8-9)

The third trumpet

The third angel blew his trumpet,
and a great star fell from heaven,
blazing like a torch,
and it fell on a third of the rivers
and on the springs of water.

A plant that is both
bitter and dangerous.

The name of the star is Wormwood.

A third of the waters became wormwood,
and many people died from the water,
because it had been made bitter.

(Revelation 8:10-11)

The fourth trumpet

The fourth angel blew his trumpet,
and a third of the sun was struck,
and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars,
so that a third of their light might be darkened,
and a third of the day might be kept from shining,
and likewise a third of the night.

(Revelation 8:12)

The remaining three trumpets...

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle
crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead,



**Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth,
at the blasts of the other trumpets
that the three angels are about to blow!**

(Revelation 8:13)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

Revelation 9:1-12

...and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth,
and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

(Revelation 9:1)

abyssos =
depthless, the abyss

“What is your name?”

“Legion.”

And they begged Him that He would not
command them to go out into **the abyss**.

(See Luke 8:30-31 and Matthew 8:29)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit,
and from the shaft rose **smoke like the smoke of a great furnace...**

Then **from the smoke came locusts** on the earth,
and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.

(Revelation 9:2-3)



The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

Do not harm the earth...
till we have **sealed**
the servants of our God...
(Revelation 7:3)

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have **the seal of God** on their foreheads.

They were allowed to torment them for **five months**, but not to kill them...

And in those days people will seek death and will not find it.

They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

(Revelation 9:4-6)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

The appearance of the locusts...

- They were **like** horses prepared for battle
- On their heads were **what looked like** crowns of gold
- Their faces were **like** human faces
- Their hair was **like** women's hair
- Their teeth were **like** lions' teeth
- They had breastplates **like** breastplates of iron
- The noise of their wings was **like** many chariots rushing into battle.
- They have tails and stings **like** scorpions in their tails

(See Revelation 9:7-10)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

They have as king over them
the angel of the bottomless pit.

His name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**,
and in Greek he is called **Apollyon**.

(Revelation 9:11)

Destruction

Destroyer

**The first woe has passed;
behold, two woes are still to come.**

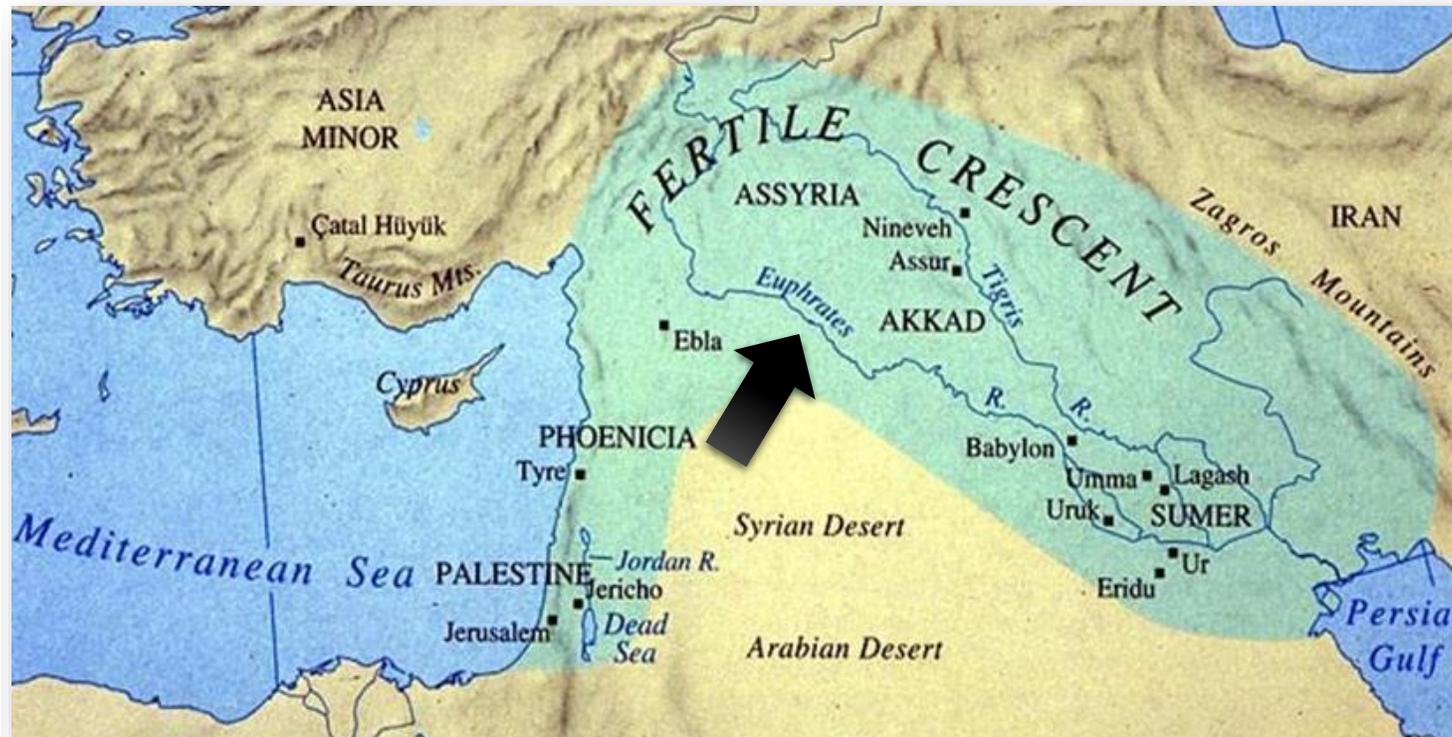
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Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet... Revelation 9:13-21

...and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God...

*“Release the four angels **who are bound** at the great river Euphrates.”*

(Revelation 9:13-14)



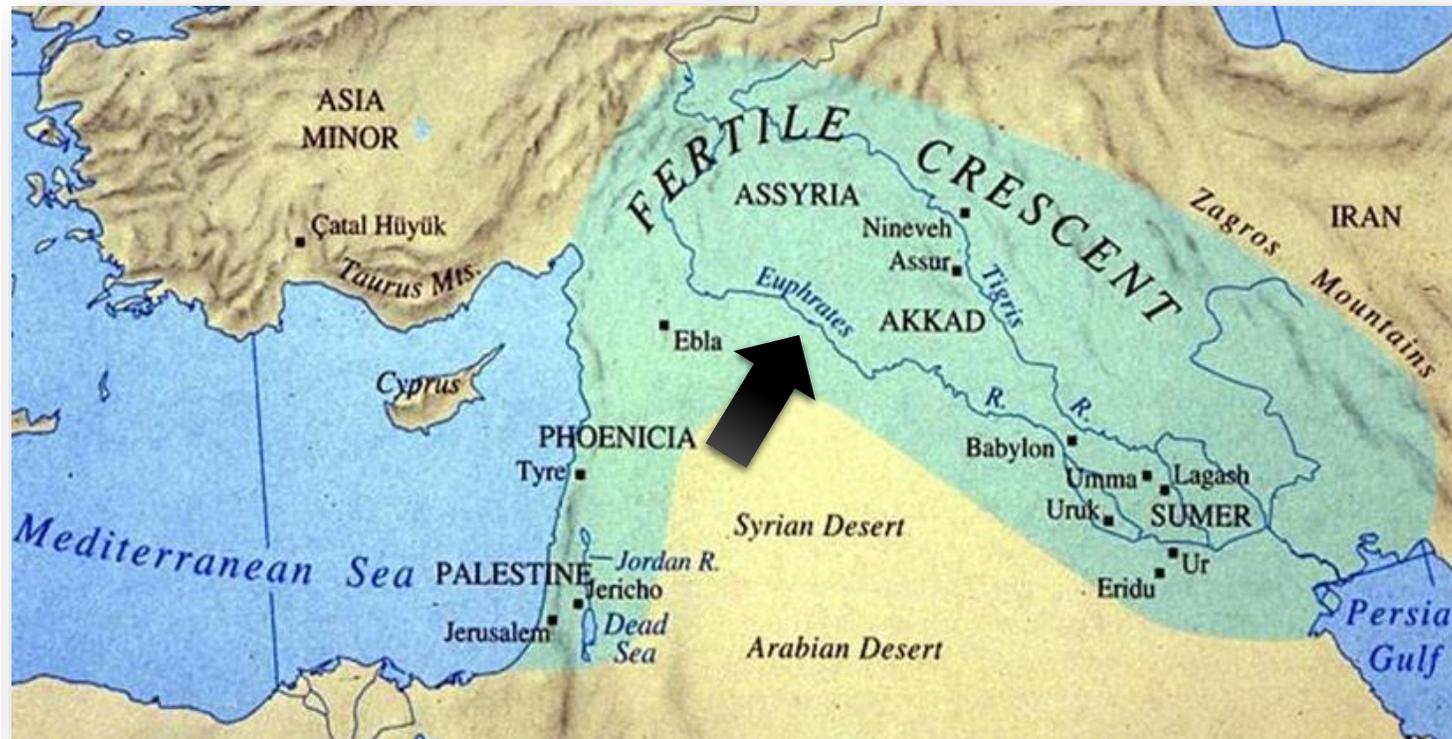
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$$2 \times 10,000 \times 10,000 \\ = 200,000,000$$

So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released **to kill a third of mankind.**

The number of **mounted troops** was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number.

(Revelation 9:15-16)



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The appearance of the horses and riders:

- they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur,
- the heads of the horses were like lions' heads,
- fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths.

By these three plagues **a third of mankind was killed...**

For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails,
for their tails are like serpents with heads,
and by means of them they wound.

(See Revelation 9:17-19)



Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet...

The rest of mankind...

- did not repent of the works of their hands that they should not **worship demons** and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood...
- nor did they repent of their murders, or their sorceries, or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

1 Corinthians 10:20

(Revelation 9:20-21)

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Against
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“Cursed is the ground
because of you...”
(Genesis 3:17)

Against
humanity

The mystery of lawlessness
is already at work.
Only he who now **restrains** it
will do so until he is out of the way.
(2 Thessalonians 2:7)

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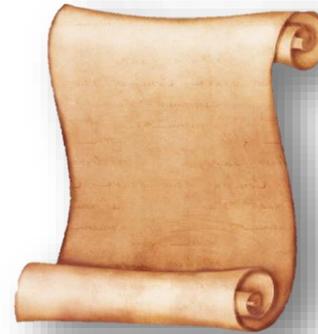
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Another mighty angel...

Revelation 10:1-7

Then I saw another mighty angel **coming down from heaven**, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and **his face was like the sun**, and **his legs like pillars of fire**.

He had a little scroll **open** in his hand.



And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, and called out with a loud voice, **like a lion roaring**.

(Revelation 10:1-3)



Another mighty angel...

When he called out,
the seven thunders sounded.

*Seal up
what the seven thunders
have said,
and do not write it down.*

(Revelation 10:4)

The secret things belong to the LORD our God,
but those things which are revealed
belong to us and to our children forever,
that we may do all the words of this law.

(Deuteronomy 29:29)

Another mighty angel...

And the angel...
raised his right hand to heaven
and swore by Him who lives forever and ever...
that there would be **no more delay**,
but that in the days of the trumpet call
to be sounded by **the seventh angel**,
the mystery of God would be fulfilled,
just as He announced to His servants the prophets.

(Revelation 10:5-7)

euaggelizō =
to proclaim good news

or completed
or finished

Another mighty angel...

Take and eat it;
it will make your stomach **bitter**,
but in your mouth
it will be **sweet** as honey.

*Eat this scroll, and go, speak
to the house of Israel.*

(Ezekiel 3:1)

Revelation 10:8-11

*Go, take the scroll that is open
in the hand of the angel
who is standing on the sea
and on the land.*

And they said to me,

***“You must again prophesy
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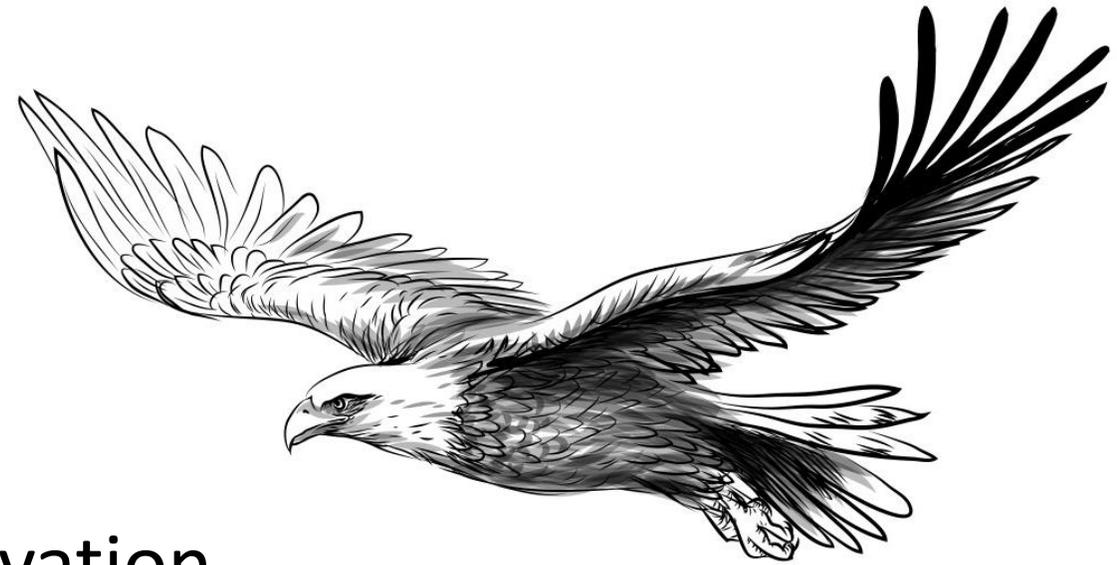
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What is the Lord's message?



We need His salvation.

Judgement is coming

Be warned! Be ready!



To Him
who **loves us**

and has **freed us** from our sins by **His blood**
and **made us** a kingdom, priests to His God and Father,

to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

(Revelation 1:5-6)